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Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.



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First Presbyterian Church
Worcester - Massachusetts
October 28-29, 1919

The New Era Movement

of the

Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

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STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES

Boston—The Rev. George W. Warren, 59 Monmouth Street, Boston, Mass.

Connecticut Valley—The Rev. John F. Johnstone, 130 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Conn.

Newburyport—The Rev. A. McD. Paterson, 60 High Street, Newburyport, Mass.

Providence—The Rev. John A. McClelland, 162 Hollis Street, Framingham, Mass.

Permanent Committees

EXECUTIVE COMMISSION

The Rev. Robert Atkinson, Moderator, Chairman.

The Rev. James W. Smith, Stated Clerk, Secretary.

Members

Ministers—Alexander Alison, Lewis E. Shields, George W. Warren, Joseph E. Kennedy.

Elders—George Martell, L. M. Cunningham.

HOME MISSIONS, FREEDMEN, CHURCH ERECTION

Ministers—A. McD. Paterson, C. A. Young, C. A. Fisher.

Elders—L. C. Barrett, James Wilson, James Henry, D. R. Donaldson, George M. Brown.

EVANGELISM, AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY, VACANCY AND SUPPLY

Ministers—J. A. McClelland, Isaac Ward, William Sinclair, J. D. Cameron.

Elders—John T. Scott, W. N. Weed, Fred Barnes, H. L. Allen.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Ministers—C. A. Fisher, R. H. Morris, Daniel Nicholson.

Elders—K. A. McLean, K. O. Brown, Andrew Ritchie.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ministers—E. E. Weaver, A. J. W. Meyers, J. W. Smith, R. L. Barbour, J. A. Verburg.

Elders—M. D. McCunn, L. C. Barrett, G. W. Tarr, J. M. Smith.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND SUSTENTATION

Ministers—R. R. Lange, Edgar Crossland, William Sinclair.

Elders—H. R. McGregor, G. H. Jacques.

SOCIAL SERVICE, BROTHERHOOD, TEMPERANCE, LORD'S DAY

Ministers—M. D. Kneeland, F. D. Smith, Norman MacQueen.

Elders—G. B. Affleck, James Murdoch.

NARRATIVE OF CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK

The Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries, with the Stated Clerk of the Synod as chairman.

TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD

Ministers—F. D. Smith, A. M. Brown.

Elders—F. M. Vieter, W. W. McAfee, James Wilson.

FEDERATION OF CHURCHES

Ministers—C. A. Young, Alexander Alison, J. E. Grant, W. E. Archibald.

Elders—A. Boyd Smith, Daniel Smith, J. T. Manson, A. J. Canossen.

THE NEW ERA MOVEMENT

Ministers—W. W. Iliffe, A. McD. Paterson, C. A. Fisher, R. H. Morris.

John B. Jameson of Concord, N. H., a prominent layman, is vice-chairman of this committee.

Terms of all members of the Permanent Committees, except the Moderator and the Stated Clerk, expire in October, 1921.

SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS

Date.	Ministers.	Presbytery	Place
1912	Rev. Herbert A. Manchester, D. D. (Convener)	Boston	Boston
1912	Rev. Howard A. Johnston, D. D.	Conn. Valley	Boston
1913	Rev. Lester M. Conrow	Providence	Hartford
1914	Rev. A. McD. Paterson, D. D.	Newburyport	Providence
1915	Rev. William M. Tufts, D. D.	Boston	Portland
1916	Rev. John MacL. Richardson	Conn. Valley	Brookline
1917	Rev. Nathaniel J. Sproul, D. D.	Providence	Stamford
1918	No meeting, account of epidemic of Influenza		
1919	Rev. Robert Atkinson	Newburyport	Worcester

The Minutes

The seventh annual gathering of the Synod of New England convened in the First Presbyterian Church, Worcester, Mass., Tuesday, October 28, 1919, at 2 P. M.

The sermon appointed to be given at this time was preached by the Rev. Alexander Alison, pastor at Bridgeport, Connecticut, from Matt. 6:10, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth."

After the sermon, Synod was constituted with prayer by the former moderator, the Rev. Allan McD. Paterson, D. D.

The roll-call showed the following named present:

BOSTON PRESBYTERY

Ministers—Thirteen: Martin D. Kneeland, Edward E. Weaver, Earl A. Brooks, Duncan A. McPhie, John K. McGillivray, William W. Iliffe, Norman MacQueen, Clarence A. Young, Edgar Crossland, Frederick W. Tingley, James A. Verburg, John J. Romolo, Daniel Nicholson.

Elders—Six: L. M. Cunningham, Waltham; David H. Donaldson, Somerville, Union Square; H. L. Allen, Roxbury; A. Boyd Smith, Lynn; Walter W. MacAfee, Hyde Park; William Cowan, Boston, Fourth.

CONNECTICUT VALLEY PRESBYTERY

Ministers—Four: A. J. William Meyers, Frank D. Smith, John F. Johnstone, Alexander Alison.

Elders—Two: James Murdoch, Holyoke; James Wilson, Bridgeport.

NEWBURYPORT PRESBYTERY

Ministers—Five: William E. Archibald, Robert Atkinson, Allan McD. Paterson, James W. Smith, Joseph E. Kennedy.

Elders—None.

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY

Ministers—Seven: Charles Allen Fisher, John A. McClelland, Lewis E. Shields, J. Edward Grant, A. Mason Brown, Robert L. Barbor, Richard L. Kortkamp.

Elders—Four: George N. Brown, Worcester; K. A. McLean, Framingham; M. D. McCunn, First Providence; George Martell, Second Providence.

Whole number present: twenty-nine ministers, twelve elders.

The following were invited to sit as corresponding members:

Calvin W. Laufer, Synod of New Jersey.

Robert W. Veach, D. D., Synod of Pennsylvania.

Kenneth D. Miller, Synod of New York.

Charles P. Cleaves, New Hampshire State Conference, Congregational.

Arthur R. Davies, East New York Conference, Methodist Episcopal.

John Logan Findlay, Massachusetts State Conference, Congregational.

Milton Pratt, New York State Conference, Congregational.

Harvey S. Murdock, Synod of Kentucky.

James McLeod, Synod of Pennsylvania.

James M. Foster, Synod of New York, Reformed Presbyterian.

Alexander Alison, D. D., Synod of New York.

Nevin D. Bartholomew, Synod of New York.

A. Woodruff Halsey, D. D., Synod of New York.

Charles H. McDonald, D. D., Synod of Ohio.

ORGANIZATION

The Rev. Robert Atkinson, pastor at Haverhill, Mass., and captain in the Eleventh Massachusetts National Guard, was elected Moderator.

The Rev. James W. Smith was re-elected Stated Clerk, term expiring 1921.

The Rev. Charles Allen Fisher was re-elected Permanent Clerk, term expiring 1922.

The Rev. John A. McClelland was chosen Temporary Clerk.

The Rev. William W. Iliffe was re-elected Treasurer, term expiring 1921.

The program of the meeting and Orders of the Day were approved as recorded in the Minutes.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSION

Record is here made of the omission of the meeting of the Synod of October, 1918, and the following extract of the Minutes of the General Assembly of 1919 is inserted upon the report of the Executive Commission.

Extract from the Minutes of the General Assembly, 1919

The following Synods reported that owing to the epidemic of influenza and the action of state and city governments in relation thereto they were unable to hold duly appointed meetings:

Inter alia—Synod of New England.

The General Assembly hereby approves of the omission of the

regular meetings of the Synods above referred to and authorizes each of them to hold duly appointed meetings at the customary period in the year 1919. The Moderators and Stated Clerks of the Synods, respectively, are empowered to take such steps as are necessary to call the Synods together.

Attest:

WILLIAM H. ROBERTS,
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

As part of the report of the Committee on Docket, the Executive Commission recommended the appointment by the Moderator of a temporary committee on polity, to which should be referred all questions of change or amendment of rules of Synod. Approved.

The Executive Commission recommended that on account of extraordinary expenses assumed on behalf of the Synod by the Boston presbytery in the New Era conference of January, 1919, Synod remit, for this year, the dues of the Boston presbytery. This recommendation was adopted.

The Executive Commission asked that the Synod adopt as a rule for the instruction of the committee on arrangement for the entertainment of delegates to the Synod and the Woman's Synodical:

That at the present meeting the delegates be asked to pay twenty-five cents for each meal served to them, and that the Treasurer be instructed to pay to the entertainment committee serving the meals at the rate of twenty-five cents for each meal served delegates to the Synod and the Woman's Synodical.

That at future meetings of the Synod each delegate be requested to pay the entertainment committee for the meal served, and that the price for each meal be not greater than fifty cents, unless such higher rate shall be approved, previous to announcement, by the formal vote of the Executive Commission.

This was adopted.

The Executive Commission recommended that the Treasurer of the Synod be instructed to pay to the treasurer of the Woman's Synodical, as an offering toward the expenses of the meeting, the sum of twenty-five dollars. Approved.

FEDERATION OF CHURCHES

The report for this committee was made by the Rev. Clarence A. Young. The committee recommendations adopted were as follows:

That we recognize that just as there is needed a League of Nations to make the world safe for democracy, there is needed a League of Churches to make democracy safe for the world; that denomi-

national exclusiveness must yield to fraternity and Christian co-operation in the interests of the Kingdom of God; that co-operation must supersede competition in the realm of religion as well as in the sphere of industry and commerce.

That we emphasize the things upon which we agree rather than the things in which we differ. We are all children of the same Heavenly Father. We believe in and serve the same divine Sovereign and Lord. We are working for the same great ends. Our common interests can best be served by co-operation and not by competition.

That we rejoice in the action of the last General Assembly in the endorsement it gave to the Inter-Church World Movement. This action, however conservative, is a step in advance—a promise of the coming of a day, very soon, when, in order to serve the larger interests of the kingdom, we shall join forces with any and all, of whatever name, who love the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and who are seeking to extend His kingdom and make His will supreme.

I. We recommend that there be hearty co-operation with all other churches of Christ in all local, city, state or regional federations, and also in the survey and further activities of the Inter-Church World Movement in New England.

II. We further recommend that the financial share of the churches in supporting such federations be placed in the benevolent budgets of the churches.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The report for this committee was made by the chairman, the Rev. Edward E. Weaver. He reported here the recommendations of the pre-synodical conference on Religious Education, held Monday evening and Tuesday forenoon, October 27-28.

At this conference addresses were made by the Rev. Robert Wells Veach, director of religious education of the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work, on "The Presbyterian Program of Religious Education," on "Correlating the Educational Forces in the Local Church," on "The Young People's Division—Its Problems and Program"; by the Rev. Calvin W. Laufer, district superintendent of the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work, on "Leadership Training," on "Systematic Organization of Work in the Sabbath School," on "Teachers' Training Classes"; by the Rev. A. J. William Meyers, professor in the Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy, on "Week-day Religious Education," on "Training for Community Religious Work."

Community Religious Education in reports on local work was discussed by the Rev. James A. Verburg of Hyde Park, Mass., and the Rev. Joseph E. Kennedy of Lowell, Mass.

The recommendations adopted were as follows:

That the New Era Goals for presbyterial progress be adopted by presbyteries as standards of religious education, and that the churches be enjoined to plan definitely and work earnestly to reach the goals suggested; to increase before April, 1920, by twenty-five per cent, the net membership of the Sabbath schools and the young people's societies; to observe Rally Day, Children's Day, and continue the special offerings connected therewith; to provide for inspiration and training for better service by sending delegates to the summer conferences and institutes on religious education; to organize local conferences on religious education, working in co-operation with Synod's committee; to establish wherever possible community schools of religious education.

That Synod's committee be directed to enter into conference with similar committees of other denominations in New England and to co-operate with such committees in all that furthers the work and interests of religious education.

That we commend the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work for the appointment of the Rev. John K. McGillivray as Synod's Sunday school missionary, and recommend to them more adequate support for the larger prosecution of his work.

That pastors, session and churches be urged to hold continually before the young people of our churches the matchless opportunities for a noble career and great service through the ministry and trained leadership in the kingdom.

That on April 25, Vocational Day, all who are facing life-work decisions shall be carefully instructed as to the Christian attitude toward all vocational choice.

That Synod express its hearty approval of the action of the last General Assembly in authorizing a campaign for securing \$35,000,000 within the next five years for Christian education, and that churches be urged to co-operate with the Board of Education in carrying the campaign to a successful issue.

That Synod commend the Board of Education in its support, along with other evangelical denominations, of a religious worker in the New Hampshire State College at Durham, New Hampshire.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Following the close of the report on Religious Education, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed, under the direction of the Moderator, assisted by the Rev. Frank D. Smith and the Rev. J. Edward Grant.

POPULAR EVENING MEETING

The Rev. Alexander Alison, D. D., of the Synod of New York addressed the members of the Synod, the delegates to the Woman's Synodical and the friends gathered in the church, and presented the following paper:

Rome, N. Y., October 23, 1919.

To the Synod of New England:

Greeting—This will serve to introduce to you the Rev. Alexander Alison, D. D., Moderator of the Synod of New York, who is instructed to bear to you the kindly salutations of that body, with the hope that, at your annual gathering next week, you may have a pleasant and profitable meeting. A child of this body (the Synod of New York), we are much interested in your success in the Lord's work.

Signed by order of Synod,

J. WILFORD JACKS,

Stated Clerk.

Addresses were made by Mrs. H. C. Lauderbaugh, representing the Woman's Board of Home Missions; the Rev. Kenneth D. Miller on "Americanization and the Story of His Studies Among the Russian People," representing the Immigration Department of the Home Mission Board; by Robert Wells Veach, representing the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work, on "The Demand for Greater Educational Activity in the Presbyterian Church."

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Before adjournment, the Moderator announced the appointment of the following standing committees, as required by the rules of Synod:

Bills and Overtures

Ministers—A. McD. Paterson, E. A. Brooks, A. M. Brown.

Elders—D. R. Donaldson, G. N. Brown.

Judicial Business

Ministers—F. D. Smith, R. L. Barbor.

Elders—George Martell, James Henry.

Leave of Absence

The Clerks of the Synod.

Records of the Presbyteries

Boston—Rev. J. E. Grant, Elder M. D. McCunn.

Connecticut Valley—Rev. E. E. Weaver, Elder L. M. Cunningham.

Newburyport—Rev. J. F. Johnstone, Elder James Murdoch.

Providence—Rev. W. E. Archibald, Elder A. Boyd Smith.

Finance

Elders—James Wilson, H. L. Allen, K. A. McLean.

General Assembly Minutes

Ministers—L. E. Shields, W. W. Iliffe, Alexander Allison.

Elders—L. M. Cunningham, George Martell.

Nomination of Permanent Committees

Ministers—C. A. Young, Alexander Alison, R. L. Kortkamp.

Elders—Walter MacAfee, G. N. Brown.

Place of Next Meeting

Rev. W. E. Archibald, Elder M. D. McCunn.

Resolutions

Rev. J. K. McGillivray, Elder K. A. McLean.

Polity

Ministers—J. W. Smith, W. W. Iliffe, Edgar Crossland.

Elders—H. L. Allen, James Wilson.

Necrology

Ministers—J. F. Johnstone, A. McD. Paterson, J. A. McClelland.

Greeting of Synod to Woman's Synodical

The Moderator of the Synod, about 11 a. m., Wednesday. Appointed by the rules of the Synod.

Wednesday Morning

The devotional services of thirty minutes' duration, provided by the rules for the opening of the morning session, were conducted by the Moderator.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The report for this committee was made by the chairman, the Rev. A. McD. Paterson. Mr. Paterson is Synod's representative on the Home Mission Council. He made at this same time a report of his attendance at the meeting of the council in St. Louis and of the recommendations of that council to the General Assembly and for the synods and presbyteries.

Following this committee report, Synod was addressed by the Rev. Harvey S. Murdock of the Synod of Kentucky. Mr. Murdock told the story of Presbyterian opportunity and success among the mountain whites.

The recommendations offered by the Home Mission Committee relative to the assumption by the Synod of responsibility for the Home Mission work in the Synod and the appointment of a synodical missionary was referred to the Executive Commission, with power to act. The Executive Commission was instructed to invite Synod's Home Mission Committee and the

Committee on Church Federation to sit with it in consideration of this question and another question referred to it by a later action in the meeting of the Synod.

SOCIAL SERVICE, BROTHERHOOD, TEMPERANCE, LORD'S DAY

The report for this committee was made by the Rev. M. D. Kneeland. Recommendations as follows were adopted:

That the Synod of New England express itself as in opposition to all legislation permitting Sunday baseball, golf, moving pictures and other forms of Sunday sports and games. The Synod believes such sport and games not Christian and and not genuinely American.

That the Synod of New England place itself on record as favoring the thorough enforcement of National Prohibition. It protests any change of law and conditions which shall open the sale of liquor to the public during the few days remaining between this and the date of going into effect of the National Prohibition Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. It regrets the recent veto of the Prohibition Enforcement Law by the president of the United States, and expresses hearty approval of the prompt action of the House of Representatives and the Senate in over-riding that veto.

GOVERNOR COOLIDGE AND LAW AND ORDER

In connection with the report on Social Service the following was introduced by the Rev. Frank D. Smith from the floor and adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod of New England commend His Excellency Calvin H. Coolidge, the governor of Massachusetts, for his righteous and courageous position and action in upholding and maintaining the majesty and honor of the law in the recent uprising in Boston.

Resolved, That, in due time, a copy of this resolution be sent to the governor, that he may know that back of every godly man in public office stand the people of God, always ready and willing to uphold his hands and to support him in the preservation and execution of law and order.

NARRATIVE OF CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK

This report was prepared for the committee by the Rev. John A. McClelland. Other than the statistics contained in the Minutes of the General Assembly, the narrative states that Boston reports morning services fairly well attended and some well-attended evening services. Connecticut Valley reports morning services attended by from forty to sixty per cent of the membership. Evening services are well attended. Newburyport states that the attendance at morning services is "fair"; even-

ing services are not so well attended. Providence reports that morning and evening services are well attended. The attendance at communion services ranges from thirty to seventy-five per cent in all of the presbyteries. Prayer-meeting services are attended by about fifteen per cent of the membership in Boston and Newburyport. In Connecticut Valley the attendance ranges from six to twelve per cent; in Providence the attendance is about eighteen. Three churches in Newburyport presbytery report no weekly prayer meetings. In all the presbyteries the churches are charged with neglect in reporting removals of members from place to place. In this way members are lost to the Presbyterian church, and many to all churches.

In Boston the Shorter Catechism is taught in five schools. Connecticut Valley reports that the Catechism is taught in part. Newburyport does not place itself on record. In Providence four churches report that the Shorter Catechism has a place in the Sunday school.

Boston reports Home Departments in eight churches. Connecticut Valley states that such department is found in about half of the churches; Newburyport is silent, and Providence reports four churches as having Home Departments.

The Young People's work in Boston is "fair"; in Connecticut Valley, "most excellent"; in Newburyport, "not flourishing"; in Providence, "good." Our young people are not attending our denominational schools and colleges.

Boston reports that three churches held special evangelistic services, with twenty-two accessions. Connecticut Valley says that in only one church did such services have any perceptible effect. Newburyport states that "evangelistic services did not count in the story of the work in this presbytery." In Providence, three churches held special services, with no spiritual results recorded.

The influence of the war upon the spiritual conditions in the churches is reported by Connecticut Valley as deepening the thought of the people; by Newburyport that young men who were in camp and overseas do not attend church services as regularly as formerly, and that spiritual conditions are in a disturbed state. Boston reports that sacrifices made in the war did not come near enough home. Providence reports that the war had a stimulating effect upon the consecration and service of the people. In the national service, our churches in Boston furnished 572 from among the parishioners; Connecticut Valley, 417; Newburyport, 362; Providence, 243.

NECROLOGY

The report on Necrology was presented by the Rev. John F. Johnstone and was as follows:

J. Isaac Manthorne was born in Mill Village, Queen's County, Nova Scotia, April, 1871; died, Boston, Mass., July 11, 1919. He received the degrees of A. B. and B. D. from the University and Theological School of Toronto, Ontario. Nine and one-half years of his ministry were spent in Saskatchewan and Alberta, five in Ontario and three years in Somerville, Mass.

Frank M. Carson was born in New York City in 1857; died in Greenwich, Conn., January 13, 1919. He graduated from Amherst College, 1879; Union Seminary, 1885; was ordained and installed pastor of the Mattewan Presbyterian Church, Synod of New Jersey; from 1895-1897 was pastor at Clinton, Iowa; Lake View, Chicago, 1897-1912; Greenwich, Conn., 1912-1919.

Alexander Jackson was born in Scotland, 1846; died, Portland, Maine, January 17, 1918. He received his collegiate education, graduating from the University of Edinburgh. His theological course was taken at Auburn, N. Y.; his work for the degree of Ph. D. at Wooster University. He had extended pastorates in Pittsburgh, Penn., and Galt, Ontario, and in Portland, Maine, serving a total of more than forty-one years in the ministry of the Presbyterian church.

GREETINGS FROM REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

These greetings were presented by the Rev. James M. Foster on behalf of the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

NEW ERA MOVEMENT

Following a short report of the Committee on New Era Work, made by the chairman of Synod's committee, the Rev. William W. Iliffe, the plan and program of the church was presented in an address by the Rev. Nevin D. Bartholomew of General Assembly's New Era Committee. The following was adopted:

Synod endorses the whole program of the New Era Movement of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., and urges that, without delay, each church in the Synod plan to carry into effect this program in its entirety.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The Rev. Charles Allen Fisher, chairman, made the report for this committee and recommended that the Committee on Polity be requested to propose an amendment to the rules, uniting this committee with the Committee on Evangelism. Adopted.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND SUSTENTATION

In the absence of the chairman, this report was read by the Stated Clerk. Synod approved with much satisfaction the announcement of the General Assembly's Board of the aim of the General Assembly and the church to increase the maximum allowance to \$500 at the earliest possible date and the desire to establish the funds permitting the reduction of the required age of admission to the honor roll to sixty-five.

Synod urged the attention of every minister still under sixty years of age to the advantages of membership in the Sustentation Fund.

WOMAN'S SYNODICAL

The report of the activities of the societies and other organizations cooperating with the work of the Woman's Synodical was read by the Stated Clerk, approved and ordered printed in its proper place in the Minutes.

VACANCY AND SUPPLY

The report for the Committee on Vacancy and Supply was made by the chairman, the Rev. Joseph E. Kennedy, and recommendation made that the Committee on Polity be requested to bring in an amendment combining this committee with the Committee on Evangelism. This was adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The report for this committee was made by the Rev. C. A. Fisher. In his report Mr. Fisher called the attention of the Synod to the fact that, of all the ministers appointed to membership of this committee by the last meeting of the Synod, he alone had not received the final call. The names of the others are to be found in the necrological report. The recommendations of this committee were as follows:

That the pastors and sessions of our churches be urged to present most earnestly and emphatically the strategic importance of the missions of the Presbyterian Church to the civilization of the world in this day.

That churches be urged to adopt, as may be possible, the entire educational program of the Board of Foreign Missions, and that the sessions be requested to organize a school of missions in each congregation.

That the plan of contributions to specific work by Sabbath schools and other church societies be especially encouraged.

That, along with the call to the gospel ministry, the call for laborers to the foreign mission work be presented to the young people of our churches as of paramount importance.

That our synodical and presbyterial committees on Foreign Missions be urged to arrange itineraries among the churches of the presbyteries for missionaries home on furlough.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Polity offered the proposed amendments to the rules of Synod:

Article XIII, Paragraph 4—Strike out all after the words "Leave of Absence" and substitute therefor, so that paragraph will read, "Leave of Absence—the clerks of the Synod."

In paragraph 7 of this same article, strike out the words, "two ministers and one elder." Substitute therefor the words, "one minister and one elder."

Add to article paragraph: "10. On Polity, three ministers and two elders."

Add to article paragraph: "11. Resolutions, one minister and one elder."

Add to article paragraph: "12. The moderator shall be a committee to convey the greeting of Synod to the Woman's Synodical."

To amend Article XIV as follows: Insert in paragraph 3, after the word "Evangelism," the words, "American Bible Society, Vacancy and Supply."

Strike out paragraph 7 and substitute therefor "New Era, six members: the chairman and vice-chairman of Synod's committee and the chairman of each of the presbyterial New Era committees."

Strike out paragraph 8 and substitute therefor "Church Federation, eight members, one minister and one elder from each presbytery."

A Supplementary Rule—The Stated Clerk shall invite the executive committee of the Woman's Synodical to prepare for presentation to the Synod, each year, a complete report of activities of the societies reporting to the Synodical, and shall ask that this report be read, at a designated time in the meeting, by an officer or member of the Synodical society. The Stated Clerk shall be authorized to print and to distribute this report with the Minutes. The right to revise shall be the same as allowed in the printing of the Minutes—Rule VII.

The amendment to Article XIV, proposed in the Synod of 1917 and recorded on page 207 of the Minutes, was ratified by the Synod of 1919. This article as amended, a change of the introductory paragraph, reads as follows: "XIV. The Synod's Permanent Committee shall serve two years, excepting when otherwise provided, and shall be elected in the odd years, the chairmen and members being equitably distributed among the presbyteries."

By the unanimous vote of the Synod the Rules of the Synod were set aside for the express purpose of giving the proposed amendments immediate force and effect as authorized by Article XXII of the Rules.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

The report for this committee was made by the chairman, the Rev. Clarence A. Young. This report, as adopted, appears in the pages of the Minutes just preceding the record of the acts of the meeting, under the list there given of the Permanent Committees of the Synod.

REVIEW OF PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS

The Committee on Review of Presbyterian Records reported the records neatly and correctly kept.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The committee reported to Synod, asking that the selection of place for the meeting of the Synod in October, 1920, be left to the arrangement of the Moderator and the Stated Clerk. Approved by the unanimous vote of the Synod.

REPORT OF FINANCES

This report made by the Treasurer and the Finance Committee was as follows:

Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand October, 1917.....		\$354.72
Receipts:		
Offering, Stamford Synod.....	\$17.60	
Advertisement, Publication Board.....	15.00	
From Connecticut Valley Presbytery....	117.00	
From Newburyport Presbytery	52.90	
From Providence Presbytery	38.14	
From Boston Presbytery	94.92	
Offering at Worcester.....	26.14	
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		361.70
Total		<hr/>
		\$716.42
Expenditures:		
Stated Clerk, salary, J. W. Smith.....	\$75.00	
Permanent Clerk, salary.....	25.00	
Postage	1.00	
E. A. Stratton, printing notices and programs, 1917	6.75	
Postage, Stated Clerk.....	1.80	
William H. Roberts, D. D., traveling expenses	5.90	
Printing Minutes, 1917, Williams Company	85.45	
Treasurer, Woman's Synodical.....	25.00	
Salary, 1918, C. A. Fisher, Permanent Clerk	25.00	

Salary, 1917, J. W. Smith, Stated Clerk..	50.00
Postage, Stated Clerk.....	6.40
Printing, 1918, G. A. McKenzie Co.....	2.70
Salary, C. A. Fisher, Acting Stated Clerk.	75.00
Postage, C. A. Fisher.....	2.50
Salary, Stated Clerk, 1917, J. W. Smith..	25.00
Programs, 1919, Williams Printing Co...	10.50
Notices of Meeting, 1919, E. A. Stratton..	2.00
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Total	425.00
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Balance on hand October 29, 1919.....	\$291.42

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The accounts of the Treasurer of the Synod have been audited. They have been found correctly kept and all vouchers on hand.

The committee recommends that for the year ending October, 1919, an assessment of *Two Cents* per communicant reported to the last General Assembly be made upon the presbyteries of Connecticut Valley, Newburyport and Providence; and that the treasurers of these presbyteries be requested to pay these amounts into the treasury of the Synod at an early date. As herein before recorded, the dues of Boston for the current year are remitted.

EVANGELISM

The report for this committee was read by the Rev. John A. McClelland. It was, in part, as follows:

No organized, aggressive evangelistic campaign has been conducted by the church, in this Synod, within the past two years. Spectacular methods, with the big tabernacle and the big band play, have fallen into desuetude; quieter methods of a kingdom which cometh not with observation are being resumed. The most effective work in the churches of this Synod seems to have been done by the method of pastoral evangelism. In this Synod we need to lay emphasis upon the fact that "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth." We need a revival of holy living. It is recommended:

That the ministers and elders of this Synod plan to co-operate in the work of evangelism, those of neighboring parishes helping each other.

That in our preaching and teaching we lay special emphasis upon spiritual standards of life: on justice, meekness, industry, social righteousness, plain living, high thinking; on personal service and sacrifice, as needful in keeping us near to Christ, and to convince men that the kingdom of God and of His Christ is the highest cause claiming the love and loyalty of men.

REPRESENTATIVE ON THE HOME MISSION COUNCIL

The Home Mission Committee, which, under the rules of Synod, nominates the representative from the Synod, appointed to sit upon the Home Mission Council, reported the name of the Rev. A. McD. Paterson. Mr. Paterson was elected for the unexpired term ending October, 1920.

CLOSER RELATIONS WITH OTHER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

A resolution that Synod appoint a committee to take up the relationship with other Presbyterian churches in New England, with a view to coöperation in our common purposes in New England or for the organization of closer relations with each other, was referred to the Executive Commission for consideration, at a called meeting, authorized earlier in the session. See action recorded on report of Home Missions Committee.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

The report for this committee was made by the chairman, the Rev. John K. McGillivray. They were adopted as follows:

The members of the Synod deeply appreciate and gratefully acknowledge the splendid hospitality shown them by the pastor and friends of the First Presbyterian Church of Worcester.

The Synod desires to place on record its great satisfaction at the happy and successful union recently consummated between this church and the First United Presbyterian Church of this city, making one strong organization, where, before, two weaker organizations existed.

The Synod makes record of the fact that it has accepted gladly, in the spirit in which it was made, the generous and fraternal offer of the Old South Congregational Church, across the street, giving the unrestricted use of the building for the accommodation of the Synod and for the meetings of the Woman's Synodical.

The Synod of New England deeply appreciates the fraternal, and maternal, solicitude of the Synod of New York, as expressed in the message of the honored delegate of that Synod, the Rev. Alexander Alison, D. D., the Moderator of that Synod. The Synod of New England would assure the "Mother Synod of New York" of its determination so to acquit itself as to justify the high confidence reposed in it by the older Synod.

The morning and evening papers of Worcester and Boston are thanked for the space accorded in the daily accounts of the proceedings of the Synod.

Synod desires to express its gratitude to the members of the Boards and other agencies of the church, whose presence and help have been so instrumental in making this an inspiring meeting.

Acknowledgment should be made of the splendid and valuable work in the Synod accomplished by the Woman's Synodical Society.

The Synod desires to assure this society of its hearty sympathy and co-operation.

The Synod extended a vote of thanks to George W. Brazer, manager of the "Westminster Press," for the fine display of literature and the uniform courtesy always shown by Mr. Brazer to the members and friends of the Synod.

NO MEETING OF SYNOD IN 1918.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to make record of the fact that on account of the epidemic of influenza raging in the autumn of 1918, meeting of the Synod, at the appointed time, was not permitted by the health authorities. At no later date in the season did it seem wise to convene. For such reasons, there was no Synod of 1918.

The Stated Clerk was given special permission to edit and abridge reports and other papers in preparation of the Minutes for printing.

FINAL ROLL CALL

The call of the roll of the Synod, at the close of the meeting, was as follows:

Boston Presbytery

Ministers—Edward E. Weaver, William W. Iliffe, Norman MacQueen, Clarence A. Young, Edgar Crossland, Frederick W. Tingley, James A. Verburg, John J. Romolo, Daniel Nicholson, Martin D. Kneeland, John K. McGillivray, Earl A. Brooks, Duncan McPhie.

Elders—L. M. Cunningham, David H. Donaldson, H. L. Allen, A. Boyd Smith, Walter W. MacAfee, William Cowan.

Connecticut Valley Presbytery

Ministers—A. J. William Meyers, John F. Johntsone, Frank D. Smith, Alexander Allison.

Elders—James Murdoch, James Wilson.

Newburyport Presbytery

Ministers—William E. Archibald, Robert Atkinson, Allan McD. Paterson, James W. Smith, Joseph E. Kennedy.

Elders—None.

Providence Presbytery

Ministers—Charles Allen Fisher, John A. McClelland, Lewis Shields, J. Edward Grant, A. Mason Brown, Robert L. Barbor, Richard L. Kortkamp.

Elders—George N. Brown, K. A. McLean, M. D. McCunn, George Martell.

EXCUSED FROM ALL SESSIONS

Boston Presbytery

Ministers—Thomas Douglas, Lewis V. Price, Frank E. Mills, John E. Wildey, James Alexander, Herbert A. Manchester, George W. Warren, Robert P. Anderson.

Connecticut Valley Presbytery

Ministers—Frederick A. M. Brown, Arthur N. Thompson, Charles S. Lane, Ford C. Ottman, Walter J. Campbell, John Lee Maddox, Edwin H. Kellogg, Robert Hugh Morris.

Newburyport Presbytery

Ministers—T. James Macfaddin, James M. Craig, Frederick C. Saure, John Kamm, Stephen P. Brownell, Francis H. Laird.

Providence Presbytery

Ministers—Elias N. Atiyeh.

ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE

Boston Presbytery

Ministers—Thomas R. Turner, Gregory A. Sheradan, Clarence A. Campbell, N. Fred Van Horsen, Hector L. McKinnon, Isaac Ward, Ralph M. Davis.

Connecticut Valley Presbytery

Ministers—George H. McClelland, F. C. Gleason, William Sinclair.

Newburyport Presbytery

Ministers—W. Thomas Bailey, James D. Cameron, Richard R. Lange, Norman P. Cawley.

Providence Presbytery

Ministers—Robert R. White, Peter Holmes McIntosh.

CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED BY ELDERS

Boston Presbytery—Boston, First; East Boston; St. Andrews, Clarendon Hill; Quincy, First; Boston, Scotch; Brookline; Mattapan, St. Paul's; Everett.

Connecticut Valley Presbytery—New Haven, Stamford, Springfield, Hartford, Noroton, Greenwich, Thompsonville, Sound Beach, Ruthenian.

Newburyport Presbytery—Antrim, Barre, Bedford, Graniteville, Haverhill, Lawrence, Litchfield, Londonderry, Lowell, Manchester German, Manchester Westminster, New Boston, Newburyport First, Newburyport Second, Portland, South Ryegate, West Barnet, Windham.

Providence Presbytery—Newport, New Bedford, Woonsocket, Lonsdale.

Closing Session

At the session Wednesday evening Mrs. J. P. Graham told the story of social life and labors in Western India. The Rev. Arthur Woodruff Halsey gave an address on the "Church's World-Wide Task in Foreign Missions." The Rev. Charles H. McDonald of the General Assembly's Committee on Men's Work addressed the Synod and the Synodical and assembled friends on the men's program in the new movements arising in the churches.

The Minutes of the Synod were read and approved.

Synod adjourned with praise and the benediction by the Moderator.

JOHN A. McCLELLAND,
Temporary Clerk.

CHARLES ALLEN FISHER,
Permanent Clerk.

Attest:

JAMES W. SMITH,
Stated Clerk.

Meeting of Synod's Executive Committee

The Executive Commission, instructed by the Synod to meet and give consideration to certain matters referred to it by the Synod on October 29, 1919, relating to recommendations made by the Home Missions Committee of the Synod and by a resolution relative to closer relations with other Presbyterian churches, convened in the Christian Endeavor Building, Boston, Mass., November 11, 1919, at 2 P. M.

The Executive Commission was instructed to invite to meet with it on this occasion, and for the purpose above stated, certain members of the Synod: the members of the Home Missions Committee, the Church Federation Committee *et al.* Those present at this meeting were:

Executive Commission—Robert Atkinson, James W. Smith, Alexander Alison, Lewis E. Shields, Joseph E. Kennedy, George Martell, L. M. Cunningham.

Home Missions Committee—A. McD. Paterson, Clarence A. Young, C. A. Fisher, Leroy C. Barrett, D. R. Donaldson, George N. Brown.

Church Federation Committee—C. A. Young, Alexander Alison, J. E. Grant, W. E. Archibald.

Others Present—Edward E. Weaver, Earl A. Brooks, Robert H. Morris, Thomas R. Turner, D. J. Ferguson, David McInnes, James A. Verburg, William Cowan.

The following resolution was passed by the unanimous vote of this committee and recognized as the action of the Executive Commission, to which had been given the power to act:

That it is the will of those present, meeting under the instructions and by the authority of the Synod,

That, beginning April 1, 1920, the Synod of New England should become a self-supporting Synod.

That the following committee be appointed to carry the resolution into effect: Robert Atkinson, Moderator; James W. Smith, Stated Clerk; A. McD. Paterson, C. A. Young, Alexander Alison, Lewis E. Shields, William Cowan, John T. Manson.

That, in effecting these plans for the work as a self-supporting Synod, the committee be authorized to arrange for the employment of a Synodical missionary, fix the salary and limit of expenses, with the approval of the Executive Commission; determine the budget for the work of the Synod.

That the Committee on Church Federation be instructed to approach the proper authorities of the United Presbyterian Church with a view to closer relations and greater co-operation in all of

our fields of activity in New England, believing that such closer relations and co-operation will make for the advancement of the kingdom in the evangelization of the masses and for the greater glory of God.

That Clarence A. Young, chairman of the Synod's Committee on Church Federation, be appointed a delegate, instructed to attend the meetings of the New England United Presbyterian Church courts; and, in case of his inability to attend at the time such courts meet, to choose his alternate from the membership of the Committee on Church Federation.

JAMES W. SMITH,
Clerk of Executive Commission.

Attest:

JAMES W. SMITH,
Stated Clerk.

Woman's Synodical Society of Home and Foreign Missions

SYNOD OF NEW ENGLAND

1919-1920

OFFICERS

President—Mrs. Allan McD. Paterson, 60 High Street, Newburyport, Mass.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Carl Foster, Bridgeport, Conn.; Mrs. Herbert S. Weed, Stamford, Conn.; Mrs. Clarence A. Young, Roxbury, Mass.; Mrs. Arthur C. Lewis, South Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Francis H. Laird, West Barnet, Vermont; Mrs. Nels Nelson, Portland, Maine; Mrs. J. J. Hall, Providence, Rhode Island; Mrs. John A. McClelland, Framingham, Mass.

Chairman of Finance Board—Mrs. David McInnes, 214 Somerset Avenue, Winthrop, Mass.

General Secretary—Mrs. Arthur C. Lewis, 406 East Seventh Street, South Boston, Mass.

Secretary for Literature—Miss Martha J. Boyd, R. D. 1, Derry, New Hampshire.

Secretary for Mission Study—Mrs. J. J. Hall, 13 Elton Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Secretary for Young People's Work—Mrs. B. Orme Faris, 819 Connecticut Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn.

Secretary for Freedmen—Mrs. M. E. McGregor, 125 Sixth Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Chairman of Nominating Committee—Mrs. J. E. Wood, 64 Carlington Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

Eighth Annual Meeting

The eighth annual meeting of the Woman's Synodical Society of the Synod of New England was held in the Old South Congregational Church, Worcester, Mass., Tuesday and Wednesday, October 28, 29, 1919.

The meeting was called to order at the appointed hour by the President, Mrs. A. McD. Paterson, and opened with prayer.

Following a cordial welcome extended to the delegates and friends by Mrs. Charles Allen Fisher of the First Presbyterian Church of Worcester, response was made for the synodical society by Mrs. J. J. Hall of Providence.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the interim meetings of the Executive Committee were read and approved.

The reports made by the officers of the synodical showed a spirit of loyalty maintained in all departments of the work. An enlistment campaign begun at the beginning of the year doubled the membership in many of the local societies. Every one of the forty-five societies accepted the New Era apportionments. There was no faltering anywhere, and there were no failures. The gifts have been coming in steadily. New societies have been organized. The offerings for the past year, through the societies, were: To Home Missions, \$3,406.25; to Freedmen, \$1,075; to Foreign Missions, \$3,771.50, a total of \$8,252.75. This is an increase of more than ten per cent over the gifts of the preceding year. The New Era and Jubilee increase for the year 1919-1920 is at this time pretty well assured.

Following the reports, Mrs. H. C. Lauderbaugh of New York, representing the Woman's Board of Home Missions, addressed the synodical on the New Era tasks and plans of the woman's work. Not only is the call for greatly increased gifts of money but, behind the gifts, consecrated lives of men and women. Three or four consecrated lives in a church make a dynamo of incalculable force and quickening power.

Second Day's Session

The devotional part of the meeting was led by Mrs. Carl Foster of Bridgeport, Conn.

The morning roll call showed the presence of fifty delegates.

The President read a review of the year's work in the synodical and in the presbyterial societies. A note of progress and enthusiasm seemed evident.

Mrs. J. P. Graham, missionary stationed at Sangli, Western India, supported by the New England synodical, told the story of her service and experiences in that field of foreign work. She pleaded for prayers with gifts and gifts with prayers. India is ripe for the harvest.

Greetings from the members of the Synod of New England, meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, across the street, were presented in happy phrases by the Rev. Robert Atkinson, Moderator of that body.

Mr. Atkinson paid a high tribute to the work of the Woman's Synodical. Not only have the members of the synodical shown world vision in the interest in and support of foreign missions, but they have not been unmindful of the problems at home. "Presbyterianism must be progressive, not for her own gain, but for the community and for humanity at her doors."

The Rev. Nevin D. Bartholomew, representing the General Assembly's New Era Committee, addressed the members of the synodical on the plans of the New Era Movement, setting forth in detail the departments of activity and the objectives of each: Spiritual Resources—Development of Spiritual Life; Stewardship—Dedication of Life and Substance; Missionary Education—Education of Life; Social Service—Expression of Life; Gospel Extension by Boards and Agencies—Organization of Life; Every Member Mobilization—Enlistment of Life. Mr. Edwin Sloat of the Stewardship Department of the New Era work urged the organization of classes and the enlistment of members and friends for the purpose of study and propagation of the principles and ideals of stewardship, both of money and of life. Study text-books are published by the New Era Committee.

Afternoon Session, Second Day

This session was opened with prayer by Miss Martha Boyd of Derry, New Hampshire.

Mrs. J. Lawrence Thurston, president of Ginling College, Nanking, China, spoke on "Reconstruction of Educational Life in China." Reconstruction meant new homes, new cities, new schools, new civic ideals, new government for China. She told of the warfare of ideals and of the difficulty of attempting to supplant old Chinese customs by those that are new.

The Rev. Harvey Murdoch of Buckhorn, Kentucky, missionary among the mountain whites, president of Witherspoon College and pastor at Buckhorn, gave a graphic picture of social and religious life in the mountain communities, of the great progress of Presbyterian efforts among these people, and of the hopefulness and of the assurance of the future. This address was replete with sparkling anecdotes and witty observations.

The synodical closed its sessions with a meeting of consecration.

ANNA C. LEWIS,
Secretary.

Standing Rules of the Synod of New England

I. This shall be called the Synod of New England, and shall include the six New England states, and be composed of the presbyteries set forth in the minutes of the General Assembly recording them (Min. G. A. 1912, p. 162), and any others which may be added from time to time.

II. Members of the Synod shall consist of the ministers who are members of the presbyteries constituting it, and one elder from each church within its bounds.

III. The Synod shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of October, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the place chosen at the last meeting; or, if this is impracticable, at such a place as the Moderator and Stated Clerk shall appoint.

IV. The officers of Synod shall be a Moderator, a Stated Clerk, a Permanent Clerk, a Temporary Clerk and a Treasurer.

V. The Moderator shall be elected annually by calling the roll, except when there is but one nomination, and a majority of all the votes cast shall elect him. His duties shall be such as are defined by the "General Rules for Judicatories of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A."

VI. The Stated and Permanent Clerks shall be elected by ballot and shall serve three years each, and their terms shall expire in different years. The Temporary Clerk shall be chosen upon the recommendation of the Stated and Permanent Clerks and shall serve for one year as their assistant.

VII. It shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to give due notice of the time and place of each meeting of the Synod. He shall, at the opening of the Synod, place in the Moderator's hands a complete docket of all business to come before the Synod. As soon after adjournment as practicable, he shall publish the proceedings of the Synod, and in doing so shall have authority to abridge the reports, except such matter as has been adopted, so far as may be done without limiting their historical value. He shall furnish a copy of the printed minutes to each minister and church session in those presbyteries which have paid in full the synodical apportionment; to the officers of the Women's Missionary Societies; to the secretaries of the Boards; and to the church papers. To others, the fixed price of the Minutes shall be twenty-five cents per copy.

It shall be the duty of the Permanent Clerk, with the assistance of the Temporary Clerk, to secure a faithful report of all the proceedings of the Synod, and deliver the same to the Stated Clerk upon the final adjournment of the Synod.

VIII. The Stated and Permanent Clerks shall constitute a committee of enrollment, which shall make out the roll of the Synod as a result of the roll call of the members of the Synod.

IX. The compensation of the Stated Clerk shall be Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75), and of the Permanent Clerk, Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25) per annum.

X. The Treasurer shall be elected by ballot, and shall serve for three years. He shall deposit the funds of the Synod with a responsible banking institution, where an account shall be opened in his name as Treasurer of Synod. He shall present at the annual meeting his report, accompanied with vouchers and bank book balanced up to date, all of which shall be audited by the finance committee. He shall be authorized to pay all bills incurred by order of Synod and the salaries of the clerks of Synod. He shall give bonds to the extent of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500), which shall be paid for by the Synod.

XI. The pastor and session of the church where the Synod meets, together with the Stated Clerk, shall constitute a Committee of Arrangements, whose duty it shall be to provide suitable accommodations for the Synod, arrange for the entertainment of members, suitable devotional exercises and recommend a program for the sessions and popular meetings of the Synod.

XII. Each annual meeting of the Synod shall be opened with a sermon by the Moderator, or, in case of his inability, by some other member of the Synod, selected by the Committee of Arrangements. The morning sessions shall begin with a devotional service, continuing for at least thirty minutes, and provisions shall be made for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at some suitable part of the meeting.

XIII. At each meeting of the Synod the Moderator shall appoint the following standing committees:

Standing Committees

1. On Bills and Overtures, five members—three ministers and two elders.

2. Judicial Business, five members—three ministers and two elders.

3. Minutes of the General Assembly, five members—three ministers and two elders.

4. Leave of Absence, the clerks of the Synod.

5. Finance, three elders. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to consider the financial need of Synod for current expenses, and to recommend for adoption by the Synod an apportionment to each presbytery to meet the same. In case of failure any year to make this apportionment, the rate shall be, for each communicant, the same as that of the previous year. This committee shall also constitute the committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

6. A Nominating Committee to select and recommend for election the members of the permanent committees, five members—three ministers and two elders.

7. Place for the Next Meeting of the Synod, two members—one minister and one elder.

8. On Records of Presbyteries, two members for each presbytery—one minister and one elder.

9. On Narrative, the Stated Clerk of Synod and the Stated Clerks of the presbyteries within its bounds.

10. On Polity, five members—three ministers and two elders.

11. Resolutions, two members—one minister and one elder.

12. The Moderator shall be a committee of one to convey greetings from the Synod to the Woman's Synodical.

Permanent Committees

XIV. The Synod's permanent committees shall serve two years, excepting when otherwise provided. Excepting where necessary to fill vacancies occurring, the members of these committees shall be elected every odd year. The chairmanship and membership of all committees shall be distributed equitably among the presbyteries. These committees shall be as follows:

1. Executive Commission, seven members—four ministers and three elders. The Moderator shall be, ex-officio, the chairman of the Executive Commission during the year of his incumbency. The Stated Clerk shall be the secretary of the Commission.

2. Home Missions, Freedmen, Church Erection, nine members—the chairman and one elder of the Home Missions Committee in each presbytery, with a chairman elected by the Synod, who shall be the Synod's representative on the General Assembly's Home Missions Council.

3. Evangelism, American Bible Society, Vacancy and Supply, eight members—one minister and one elder from each presbytery.

4. Foreign Missions, five members—three ministers and two elders.

5. Religious Education, nine members—one minister and one elder from each presbytery with a chairman. (This committee includes all former committees on Christian Education, College Aid, Publication and Sabbath School Work, Young People's Societies.)

6. Ministerial Relief and Sustentation Fund, five members—three ministers and two elders.

7. New Era, six members—the chairman and vice chairman chosen by the Synod, with the chairman of each of the presbyterial committees on New Era work.

8. Church Federation, eight members—one minister and one elder from each presbytery.

9. Brotherhood, Temperance, Social Service, Lord's Day, five members—three ministers and two elders.

XV. When a vacancy occurs in any of these permanent committees, the Stated Clerk of the Synod shall report the same, and successors shall be elected for the unexpired term.

XVI. When any problem of organization or supervision, or duplication of work, or economy or efficiency in the use of men or means shall arise between the Home Missions and Religious Work committees, conference shall be had with the Executive Commission of the Synod.

XVII. The Board of Trustees shall consist of two ministers and three elders.

XVIII. No member shall leave the Synod before its final adjournment without having obtained leave from the Committee on Leave of Absence, which committee shall report to the Synod, at the close of the sessions, the names of all so excused. The roll shall be called at the close of the final business session and the names of all absent without permission shall be recorded in the minutes of the Synod.

XIX. The Stated Clerk of each presbytery shall furnish the Stated Clerk of the Synod with the following data before each annual meeting:

1. A list of the officers and permanent committees of presbytery.
2. A complete report of presbyterial acts and changes during the previous year, as directed by the Form of Government, Chapter X, Section IX.
3. The Presbyterial Narrative on the State of Religion.
4. The names of any ministers who have died during the year, together with their ages, dates of their decease, years of service in the ministry, and churches served.
5. A report of any changes which may have occurred in the eldership of the churches during the year.

XX. The General Rules for Judicatories, found printed in the Appendix to the Form of Government, and as amended from year to year by the General Assembly, shall be the rules of order for this Synod in all cases not otherwise provided for.

XXI. The Standing Rules may be suspended, temporarily, and for a definite purpose, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

XXII. Amendments to the Standing Rules, proposed at one meeting of the Synod, shall not be finally acted upon until the next annual meeting, when a two-thirds vote of those present shall be required to adopt the amendment.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES AND ORDERS

When an individual church in any of the four presbyteries may desire aid in its work, its application shall be submitted to the presbytery's Committee on Home Missions, and any recommendations

which that committee may make, after careful investigation shall be submitted to Synod's Committee on Home Missions.

The Board of Home Missions agrees to accept the estimates of Synod's committee as final, making no changes whatever in its recommendations for grants to the churches receiving aid.—Agreement with Home Board, Minutes 1913, page 64.

When assistance in entertainment of members of Synod is needed, this item shall be paid by the Synod, and whenever necessary, the Synodical assessment shall include a sum sufficient to meet the expenses of the last Synod, thus reimbursing the treasury.—Minutes, 1914, page 93.

Synod instructed the Executive Commission to join with the Stated Clerk in the preparation of the annual docket.—Minutes, 1914, page 96.

The presbyteries of the Synod are instructed to secure from each church a report of the state of religion, before each fall meeting of the presbytery, and each presbytery shall report to Synod each year the spiritual condition of the churches, as supplementary to the statistical report which is sent to the General Assembly.—Minutes, 1915, page 142.

The Home Missions Committee is authorized to nominate Synod's representative to the General Assembly's Home Missions Council.—Minutes, 1914, pages 85, 89.

The Stated Clerk of the Synod, for the committee on arrangements of the sessions of the Synod, is instructed to make provision, on the program of the annual meeting, for the presentation of the report of the activities of the women's societies by an officer or member of the Woman's Synodical. See Minutes of 1919.

ROLL OF SYNOD

MINISTERS

Presbytery of Boston

Thomas Douglas, Ph. D., 570 N. Michigan Avenue, Pasadena, Calif.
Lewis V. Price, D. D., 661 Pleasant Street, Belmont, Mass.
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John E. Wildey, 319 Warren Street, Roxbury, Mass.
James Alexander, LL. D., 184 Summer Street, Boston, Mass.
Edward E. Weaver, Ph. D., 19 Chestnut Street, Waltham, Mass.
Herbert A. Manchester, D. D., Sport Hill Road, Bridgeport, Conn.
George W. Warren, 59 Monmouth Street, East Boston, Mass.
John K. McGillivray, 15 Lexington Avenue, Somerville, Mass.
Robert P. Anderson, 26 Burton Street, Brighton, Mass.
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Earl A. Brooks, D. D., 10 Beacon Street, Everett, Mass.
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William Wallace Iliffe, D. D., 57 Waverly Street, Brookline, Mass.
Norman MacQueen, 54 Curtis Street, Somerville, Mass.
Clarence A. Young, Ph. D., 25 Waumbek Street, Roxbury, Mass.
Gregory A. Sheradan, Winchester, Mass.
Clarence A. Campbell, Nowata, Oklahoma.
N. Fred Van Horsen, 8 Brook Street, Wellesley, Mass.
Hector L. McKinnon, 42 Marion Street, Medford, Mass.
Edgar Crossland, 81 Rockdale Street, Mattapan, Mass.
Frederick W. Tingley, 12 Van Buren Terrace, Lynn, Mass.
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James A. Verburg, 1123 Hyde Park Avenue, Hyde Park, Mass.
John J. Romolo, 64 Linden Avenue, Somerville, Mass.
Daniel Nicholson, 25 Greenville Street, Roxbury, Mass.

Presbytery of Connecticut Valley

Frederick A. M. Brown, D. D., New Haven, Conn.
Arthur N. Thompson, D. D., Northfield, Mass.
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